

January 14, 2014

The Blue Lake City Council met in special session at 6:02 p.m. on January 14, 2014. Mayor Sherman Schapiro called the meeting to order. Council Members present were Stephen Kullmann, Greg Sawatzky, and Kevin Benjamin. Others present were City Manager John Berchtold, City Attorney Nancy Diamond and City Clerk Adrienne Nielsen. Councilmember Lana Manzanita was absent.

Motion to Approve Agenda

Councilmember Sawatzky moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Input

Kent Sawatzky reported to Council on the Steelhead Days sponsored by Mad River Alliance, which made a presentation to the County Board of Supervisors and that the festival starts on January 25th in the Industrial Park. Stephanie Thompson, Chief Executive Officer of DellArte, reported to Council the upcoming meeting presentation with Humboldt Made on January 16th at 5:30 p.m. at DellArte.

Sheriff Contract- Report Recommendations- (Discussion/Action)

City Manager Berchtold updated the Council on the negotiations that took place during the time between meetings with the Council. Undersheriff Honsal read a statement on behalf of Sheriff Downey to the Council. City Manager Berchtold expressed that the one concern was the coverage during leave of absences. City Attorney Nancy Diamond stated that the Council could agree to the agreement on substance but not to form. She stated that the document had format issues and she would not sign it to form in its current context.

Kent Sawatzky expressed his concerns and feels that the contract should be signed. Lin Glen appreciates the services but stated that the City's budget is not large and should be considered. Gary Johnston stated that coverage is important for the safety of the children in town and to consider the sixty day option to end the service agreement in the future if other options were to come up. After further discussion, Councilmember Kullmann moved, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin to have Mayor Sherman Schapiro sign the contract. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion to Adjourn

Councilmember Kullmann moved, seconded by Councilmember Sawatzky to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Adrienne Nielsen
City Clerk